

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 17-18 are the only claims pending. Original claims 3-8, 11 and 17-18 have been amended to eliminate informal "use of" terminology and multiple ranges, to reduce filing fees by eliminating multiple dependencies and to provide minor clarification. Claims 12-16 and 19 are cancelled.

The amendments bring the claims up to date with their condition in the parent. Claim 20 was added in the parent but along with claim 19 has been cancelled. Both claim 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US5,185,385 and US5,756,574 in the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2003. Applicants have cancelled both claims overcoming the Examiner's rejection.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in better form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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